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LIBYA STILL KEEN ON
ITS TRILATERAL TRACK

[1](#)1. (SBU) Libya is intent on reviving its "trilateral initiative" mediation efforts between Chad and Sudan, starting with eliminating support for proxy rebel groups, as a prelude to helping to solve the Darfur problem, according to Libya's once and current Ambassador to Chad, Greene Saleh Greene, who had conversations with Ambassador April 14 and [1](#)15. Greene stressed that Libya was uniquely qualified by propinquity, motivation, regional expertise and experience to intervene successfully to (a) end the Chad-Sudan proxy wars by detaching NDjamena and Khartoum from Sudanese and Chad rebel groups, respectively; (b) restore regional stability by reconciling Deby and Bashir; and (c) take on resolution of the crisis in Darfur itself.

THE LIBYAN EDGE

[1](#)2. (SBU) Greene, accompanied by outgoing CDA Shlback as interpreter, said Libya's recently enhanced international role would not divert Tripoli's attention from neighboring Darfur, where Libya's long experience and connections gave its diplomacy maximum traction. Greene said that his position as part of Guide Qadhafi's own ethnic group as well as his prior service as Ambassador to Chad would enable him to leverage Libya's influence in Chad and among Chad rebels. As for Darfur, "We know the tribes, we know the Walis, we know the issues," Greene claimed. Greene said that the current gathering of AU FORMINS in Tripoli would give Libyan diplomacy an opportunity to re-launch its efforts (REFTEL). "We will do another Sirte accord for Chad rebels and we will work on the Sudanese rebels, too," Greene asserted. Greene made clear that reconciliation between the Sudan rebels and GoS, on the one hand, and Chad rebels and GoC, on the other,

would be the first and perhaps the most difficult obstacle to overcome, but was a necessary first step. The Chad rebels wanted too much, but they would have to be given something, according to Greene. A lot of what the rebel leaders wanted was personal power, but that would be too much, he said.

PREDICTS NO CHAD
REBEL ATTACKS

¶3. (SBU) Greene was very clear in asserting that "there would be no Chad rebel offensive this year." because the world was watching Sudan too closely for Khartoum to unleash its Chadian proxies. On the other hand, Greene offered that President Bashir's ICC indictment had rendered a difficult situation much worse.

COMMENT

¶4. (SBU) The diplomatic program Greene outlined was familiar and familiarly grandiose. Nevertheless, Greene's arrival here is welcome, if only -- given his personal stature and prior experience here -- as a testament of Libyan intention to remain engaged in the Chad-Sudan embroglio. Greene's repetition of long-standing Libyan commitment to a "trilateral track" to ending the Sudan-Chad standoff, starting by detaching rebel groups from their state sponsors, is welcome too, coinciding as it does with USG objectives in the region. That Greene speaks neither French nor English serviceably will make dealing with him less facile than with his active, voluble, and very approachable predecessor, CDA Emhemmed Shlback, who remains here temporarily to smooth

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Greene's return.

BIO INFO

¶5. (SBU) Greene, who may actually have been born in Chad to Libyan parents, served as Libya's Ambassador to Chad from 1996 to 2004, before and after which we understand that he was governor of Sebha province. Previous to that, he held many provincial-level positions. We do not know his exact relationship to Qadhafi, but will try to fill in gaps in our knowledge of him. We would appreciate any insights or information that Embassy Tripoli might have.
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